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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection(s) against independent claim(s) 1, 3 and 4, but reversed all rejections against claim(s) 2, 5 and 6 dependent thereon. The independent claim(s) is/are cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. Applicant is given a ONE MONTH TIME PERIOD from the mailing date of this letter in which to present the dependent claim(s) in independent form. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED. Prosecution is otherwise closed.

2. The period under 37 CFR 1.304 for seeking court review of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered August 31, 2005 has expired. The proceedings as to the rejected claims are considered terminated; see 37 CFR 1.197(b). The application will be passed to issue on allowed claims 2, 5 and 6 provided the following formal matters are promptly corrected: the amend of the claims need to resubmit without changing the claims limitations (no deleting or addition of the claims limitations, addition or deletion could change scope of the claims). Prosecution is otherwise closed. Applicant is required to make the necessary corrections addressing the outstanding formal matters within a shortened statutory period set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

Applicant's submitted claims amendment changes the scope of the claims, which need further consideration. Therefore, amendment is not entered.

Contact Information

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Abul K. Azad** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-7599**. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Richemond Dorvil**, can be reached at **(571) 272-7602**.

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